

MRS. E. L. SCOFIELD, State President of the Connecticut Tribune Sunshine Society.

MORE ABOUT MORMONISM.

ADDRESSES AT THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

EUGENE YOUNG AND DR. HAWKS SPEAK-"THE WOMEN FORM THE STRONGHOLD OF POLYGAMY." SAYS THE LATTER

The annual meeting of the Home Missionary Soclery of the Presbytery of New-York was held yesterday afternoon in the assembly hall of the Presbyterian Building, No. 156 Fifth-ave. There was the usual programme of reports. Churches from all parts of the city and suburbs were represented. Mrs. C. W. Slade presided, and introduced as the first speaker Eugene Young, grandson of Brigham Young. Mr. Young, who, it was explained later. had been ill and was unable to make an address, said a few words about his recent visit to Utah and the Mormon people. He spoke of the continued need there was that the people should be roused to a realizing sense of the danger threatening them. He was followed by the Rev. Dr. W. S. Hawks. who was for some years the superintendent of Co. gregational missions in I'tah and was the instructor in religious tenets of the great Mormon's grandsons. Dr. Hawks began by saying that Mormonism was,

barism"; that it dealt in deceptions and "changed the truth to a lie." He spoke of the Mountain Meadow massacre, the scene of which he had visited with the son of a man who was a witness of the horrors then enacted in the "spilling of blood for atonement." He said he knew a woman whos two sons had been killed to carry out the same system of "atonement." Many things the Mor-

AN ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING.

Miss Feilding Roselle was greeted with a perfect evation yesterday afternoon at her second matinec all too small for the accommodation of her many There was a large representation from Harlem, and especially from St. James's Church, whose members are justly proud of their talented friend.

Miss Roselle was exquisitely gowned in a black and white silk, with turquoise-blue velvet trimmings and white chiffon, while she might have been literally buried in roses and vlo.ets, so numerous were the exquisite floral offerings showered upon

Besides the large number of individual remem branches, there was a large bunch of American Beauty roses from the women of St. James's and an exquisite bouquet of La France reses from the Music Committee. In the programme of seven numbers Miss Roselle was ably supported by J. Henry McKinley, tenor; Miss Lillian Littlehales, 'cello, and Paul Ambrose, accompa-

The Reception Committee included Professor H Rogers, Robert Anderson, John William Hutch fison and Mrs. Hutchinson, Miss Litingow and Miss Louise Chilton White. The efficient ushers were Walter Adams, Mortimer A. Howard and Walter

Among the many guests present were noted Mrs.
Sidney Rosenfeid, Mrs. Mary Roseile, of Washington, D. C., Mrs. E. Berry Wall, Mrs. Robert K.
Pritchard, Mrs. Norman L. Munro, Miss Norman
Munro, Miss Hume, Mrs. Robert Anderson, Miss
Jennie Dutton, Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Tipple, Mrs. J.
F. Sperry, Mrs. J. H. Hollingsworth, Miss Hollingsworth, Mrs. William Turner, Mrs. William H. Dean,
Miss Ethel Moses, Mrs. Swits Conde, Mrs. L. H.
Rogers, Jr., Mrs. Elizabeth Wood, Mrs. W. H.
Laird, Heinrich Meyn and Ben Davies, of London.

PHILANTHROPY AT CLIO.

Mrs. Malcolm McLean, chairman of the department of Philanthropy at Clio, No. 41 West Onehundred-and-twenty-fourth-st., arranged a programme for yesterday's meeting that proved unusually attractive.

Mrs. Clarence Burns spoke earnestly in behalf of the New-York State School of Industries for Girls, which the New-York State Federation of Women is seeking to establish. Mrs. St. John Gaffney con sidered philanthropy in a general way, and Mre. Henry T. Peirce read a paper on general current events.

recents. The musical selections at this club are always an enjoyable feature of the entertainments, and resterdoy was no exception. Mrs. J. Henry McKinley played a valse from Chopin, and Mrs. Cecil Poole was heard in a contraito solo. Affred Jewett McLean is a great favorite with the club members, and yesterday he sang three tenor sonss, accompanied by the composer, George Edward Castello.

The Best

In Toilet Soaps and Perfumery

Colgate's.

A SOROSIS SYMPOSIUM.

MUSIC AND LUNCHEON PAVE THE WAY FOR DISCUSSION.

"TO WHAT DEGREE IS LITERATURE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR CONCEPTION OF HUMAN NAT-

URET THE QUESTION OF THE DAY. The Committee on Literature, Nellie L. Kingman. chairman, had charge of the Sorosis programme yesterday at the semi-monthly meeting, which was held, as usual, in the Astor Gallery of the Waldorf-Astoria. There was a large attendance. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dimies T. S. Denison, president, the new corps of officers took their

places upon the platform, and, in the language of the president, "began a new year of club life, with all its possibilities of usefulness." Before announcing the programme Mrs. Denison stated that an honor had come to one of Sorosis' valued members. Mrs. Esther Hermann has been decorated by the French Government in recognition of her broad philanthropies. "For this," added Mrs. Denison, "I am sure the whole club or Mrs. Bermann and congratulate them-gelves that she is one of us."

The programme was opened by a violin solo by Master Frederick Gerard. Mrs. Walter Rockwood Ferris recited "A Welsh Classic," by H. H. Bal-lard, and Mrs. Ella Jocelyn Horne sang.

The question for discussion, "To What Degree Is Literature Responsible for Our Conception of Human Nature?" was pleasingly presented by Miss Nellie L. Kingman. Mrs. May Riley Smith took up the "Literature of Letters." "Between every human individual and his fellows," she said, "hangs

types of Human Nature in Fiction, thought the essential part of every story was to be found in the character, and quoted in evidence Becky Sharpe, "whom," she said, "we both love and hate; Micawber, reckless and impractical, and Tito, degenerating so gradually that he was hardly aware of it. The novelist who would succeed must assist his readers to clear their mental windows. In view of the realistic literature offered, works of fiction seems a misnomer; they should be works of realist."

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The Rev. Dr. Augusta Chapin paid an exquisite tribute to "The Influence of Sacred Literature." and Jesse Lozier Payne spoke on "The Psychology of Infancy and Childhood."

Mrs. Isabel Strong, steplaughter of Robert Louis Stevenson, being introduced as the guest of the ciub, recited a few verses of Stevenson that have never been published. They were written under compulsion, his wife asking him to write some verses to accompany twenty yards of gray 10%, which she was to present to a friend who was "neither young, handsome nor especially clever." Goodness, woman." said Stevenson to his wife, "I can't put a sonnet on a gray dress," but he betook himself to the shore and in a few moments was back with his verses.

Other speakers of the afternoon were Mrs. Hoffman, Miss Pettus and Miriam Mason Greeley. The slub guests were Mrs. Strong, of Honolulu, and Mrs. Aldrich, of Baltimore, Among the other guests were Mrs. Robert Nicol, Miss Malthy, Miss Ryan, of Los Angeles; Miss Walker, Associate Editor of "The Independent" Mrs. Emily Thatcher, of Pueblo, Col.; Mrs. E. Spencer, of the Patria Club, and Miss Hallowell.

INSTEAD OF THE FAMILY ALBUM.

With the rapidly increasing output of the camera rapher, there comes a demand for some means of keeping and displaying those trophies, especially now that the family photograph album is not used. several old fashionable homes where the 'fireboard' still remains a number of blue prints have been put on in such a manner as to imitate tiling. In another country house a dado of unmounted photographs adorns the dining-room, while many a bachelor's den shows a background of fair faces above the mantel against which the giories of steins and pipes grow dim. Latterly the spinning-wheel and the bicycle wheel have been subpoenced by young women for the display of photographs. From behind the sheltering spokes of the old spinning-wheel, grown thin and slender with the weight of years, peep forth the faces of

with the weight of years, peep forth the faces of pretty maidens, sweet, white-haired grandmothers, and little children.

The bleycle wheel is different. The society girl claims this for her own special sanctum sanctorum, and re ordinary wheel will suffice. It must be a wheel with a history or a sentiment behind it; one that has made a century run, faured in some romantic situation, or a wheel belonging to the young woman's own cavaller. The pictures relegated to this unique custodian must, of course, be quite in keeping with their surroundings. A placid, grandmotherly face or church dignitary in canonicals would be incongruous indeed here, but the golf girl, the football collegian or the bleyclist beams forth complacently in harmony with the surroundings.

DOMESTIC TRAINING IN ST. LOUIS.

It is hardly a year since domestic and manual training were adopted in the public schools of St. Louis, Mo., but great strides have been made in classes then started. The plan of Pratt Institute is that which is generally followed, Miss Florence Stevenson, of Boston, who had been teaching at Pratt Institute, being engaged to direct the ing at Print Institute, being engaged to direct the work in St. Louis. Miss Lisheth Gindfelter, of St. Louis, is with Miss Stevenson in charge of the domestic science subjects introduced, these being cooking and sewing. In connection with the latter lessons are given on the making of a needle, on silk and cotton culture and manufacture and kindred subjects. In the cooking departments the chemistry of foods receives great attention. These lessons are given in the Columbia and Sumner high schools.



Have you had a kindness shown?

Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone-Pass it on. Let it travel down the years. Let it wipe another a tears. Till in heaven the deed appears.

We sometimes wonder why our Lord doth place us Within a sphere so narrow, so obscure. That nothing we call work can find an entrance— There's only room to suffer, to endure. Well, God loves patience; souls that dwell in atill-

Well, God loves patients, or resting quite, ness,
Doing the little things, or resting quite,
May just as perfectly fulfil their mission—
Be just as pleasing in the Father's sight.
This to me is life—
That if life be a burden. I will join
To make it but the burden of a spng.
—(Philip James Bailey.

THE SUNSHINE FAIR.
The fair given by the Connecticut State T. S. S. will be held to-day in Stamford, in the Burlington Arende Music Hall. The hours are from 2 to 11 Arcade Music Hall. The hours are from 2 to 12 p. m. The State booth, which will be in the centre of the hall, will be presided over by Mrs. E. L. Scoffeld, the State president. The President-General is to be there to meet the Connecticut members. Music will be rendered during the afternoon and evening. Ice cream and cake will be served for afternoon refreshments, and coffee and nandwiches will be furnished for 8 o'clock supper. It is hoped that all members who can attend will do so.

SUNSHINE RECEIVED.

The following packages were received at headuarters on Saturday and Monday: A pair of boudoir slippers, a package of cancelled stamps and a dozen sachets, inclosed in stamped envelopes, from Mrs. George L. Morris; two boxes of candy Easter eggs, ave games, a number of pretty Easter cards and a collection of magazines and papers from A. C. Scholle; ten beautiful Easter cards, from Mrs. William Ray; a pretty Easter bcoklet, from Mrs. Lathrop, ten volumes of a magazine called "Sunshine," from Mrs. Florence Brandege; six books of Easter poetry and a col-lection of pressed flowers came without the name of the contributor (will the sender please give full name and address?), a box containing about a thousand scrap-pictures, from "A Friend"; a parcel from the Dover (N. H.) Branch, containing mounted pictures, mat and quilt patterns and Easter cards; cards, crocheted mat, a pretty dolly and unfinished work, from Mrs. Sidie Draper; six Easter cards, from D. H. H., eight without a name; a cards, from D. H. H., eight without a name; a box of unfinished work and an infant's robe for the "mother in Missouri." from Mary B. Wright; caucelled stamps, from K. G. Q.; Woman's Pages, from F. G. O.; a package of scrap-pictures without a name; a package of reading matter, from "West-field"; Easter cards and paper dolls, from "Three-Crildren of Red Bank, N. J."; a roll of scrappictures, from Emily P. Bissell; two infants' fiannelett skirts, from J. W. Whitlatch; a pretty white dress for "The Young Mother," from "one who wishes joy to the new life"; a pretty Easter booklet and card, also a pair of pink siumber socks, from Mrs. T. Nicholson; twelve pretty Easter cards, from W. L. Stroud; two books, from E. H. M.; a package of Easter cards, from Mrs. H. Hitchcock; a calendar and some hooklets without a name; reading matter, from W. W. Wilcox, Mrs. M. C. Peck, J. R. O., "A Friend" and "Three T. S. members"; a package of cards, from L. A. Vaughan; a pincushion, from May Cone; a box of colored beads, from Miss Bennett; scrap-pictures, from Harold A. Smith; two knitted face cloths, from Mrs. M. Robertson; booklet and poem, from J. L. R.; cancelled stamps, from Mrs. A. Cameron; three pairs of infants' boolees, two caps and a few pieces of underwent, from A. C. D.; a box containing a stamp case, a veil case, three crocheted tidles, cancelled stamps, four blotting pads and a sunshine poem, from Mrs. FitzPatrick, Mrs. Sweezy and the Misses FitzPatrick; a collection of short storles, arranged in card form, from J. H. H.; a washeloth and a panel picture, from Miss M. Oschslin; reading matter, from Miss Kate Lunan, L. FitzPatrick, L. M. Scofield and a T. S. S. member, of this city.

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A generous woman who desires only to be known s "St. Augustine, Fla.," has sent \$5, to be forwarded to William Sheppard, the disabled soldier.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF I. T. S. S. The report of the treasurer of the International sune Sunshine Society for the month of March

is as follows:	
Cash on hand March 1	
Total DISBURSEMENTS.	\$216 3
For relief work.	\$115 5
Total Balance in treasury April 1	.8188 1 .829 2

home of her daughter, Mrs. John D. Tucker, No. 84 Edwards-st., Hartford, Conn. Mrs. Fox cherished deep love for the Sunshine Society, and the many T. S. S. greetings that reached her on her last birthday helped greatly to brighten her sickroom. She possessed fine mental gifts and was a great reader. Her fancy-work and reading proved great solace to her in the closing years of her

Miss Maria H. Watrous, of Chatham, N. Y., after a long and painful illness, has passed on to A local paper, in announcing her death; said:

For two and a half years she had been the vi-im of paralysis, which had gradually crept ov-er entire frame, depriving her or motion an peech and all means of communication. She ha a strong and beautiful character. Every one who knew her in all the years of her life, in the beauty of her girlhood and in the maturity of her woman-hood, was impressed with the evenness and serenity of her spirit, the force and symmetry of her character and the excellence of her life.

More homelike seems the vast unknown, Since they have entered there. To follow them were not so hard, Wherever they may fare.

They cannot be where God is not, They cannot be will On any sea or shore; Whate'er betides. Thy love abides, Our God for evermore. —(John W. Chadwick.

THREE WOMEN TAKE THE WHITE VEIL Three young women took the white veil of the

Ursuline Nuns, at the Southern Boulevard and Hill-st., yesterday morning. They are Miss Julia Oliver, who will be known hereafter as Sister Mary Jerome, Mary Cook, of Baltimore, who will be known as Sister Mary Ligouri, and Miss Winifred Brennan, of this city, who will be known as Sister Mary Callista.

The three women have been on six months' pro They will wear the white veil for two years before receiving the final vows. The ceremony of yesterday was held in the chapel, which held about two hundred persons, including a number of nuns, a hundred young women of the con

ber of nuns, a hundred young women of the convent and many relatives and friends. The altar was accorated with flowers. The three women wore white satin dresses with white veils, and each carried a bunch of orange blossoms.

A solemn high mass was ceiebrated by the Rev. John Carr, of St. Mary's Church. The denocul was the Rev. Thomas Heafy, of the Guardian Ange, and the sub-deacon the Rev. Father Maltese.

The novices received Holy Communion together. After the mass each novice, bearing a lighted holy candle, appeared before the Rev. Daniel Burke, who catechised them as to their vows. A sermon was delivered by the Rev. Father Brennan, the Litany of the Saints was sung, and Father Burke presented the novices with the black veils and gold crosses, their right by virtue of the vows they had taken Mother Dominic gave them the three white veils to be worn during their regular routine for two years. The ceremonies were closed with the singing of the Te Deum.

Among those present were the families of the young women and the Rev. Fathers McMahen, of West Farms Church; Doherty, of St. Monica's, McTammany, of St. Josenhis; Lynch, of St. Elizabeth's, and O'Reilly, of Belmont.

COMPLIMENTARY WHIST. At the compilmentary whist tendered yesterday to Mrs. J. M. Duncan and Miss Duncan by the Borial Whist Club at the Waldorf-Astoria about sixty society women were present and took part in the game. The prizes were all dainty and appropriate, one of the handsomest being a water-color painted by Miss Duncan.

CONSUMERS' LEAGUE PREPARES A LIST FOR NEW-YORK BUYERS-A LONDON OPINION.

"While many social workers," says a writer in "The London Hospital," "find out in the course of their investigations that certain firms-some with a good reputation, some with a had one-treat their workers harshly and unjustly, they are restrained by a fear of the law of libel from giving the pub-licity they would desire to the names of these. When a firm's bad treatment of its employes leads it into the police court for neglect of sanitary precautions, keeping women and young persons at work for hours longer than are legally permissible, or the like, it may be safe to speak, but not otherwise. Therefore, it is impossible, or at least in-judicious, to publish a 'black list' where the names

phing and publishing a 'white list,' giving the names of those firms which, in any branch of industry, treat their workers fairly-i. e., do not try to evade the law as to the number of hours worked by allowing workers to take home work after shop hours are over, keep their workrooms in a comfortable and sanitary condition, nor otherwise comfortable and sanitary condition, nor otherwise take advantage of the poor creatures, whose poverry but not their will consents to put them at their mercy.

"This has been done by the Christian Social Union in Glasgow; and, though the compilation of the list involved a good deal of trouble, the results of doing so have oeen satisfactory, not only to those who for selfish or unselfish reasons have an objection to using sweated goods, but to the firms who have had the good fortune to find a place in the list. There is nothing libellous in the process."

HERE'S A NEW IDEA.

THE EYE TO BE TRAINED TO SEE BEAUTY

"Two clever ideas along the same general lines have recently come to my notice," said a bright little woman to a Tribune reporter the other day, "and I hope at last there is going to be a chance for those people who merit David's description of the idols. Eyes have they, but they see not. They have ears, but they hear not. "We all know the man to whom

But if the new cult is carried out it is going to mean infinitely more to the next generation, at

themselves the task of opening the ears of people to the proper appreciation of music. "You would be surprised," said Miss Elsie Rulon, one of the projectors of the new enterprise, "to know how many people go to an opera and come away with no understanding of it. They have eyes and they noe-some; they have ears, but they hear nothing. It is for just such people that we have started these recitals of ours."

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The young women give every Wednesday aftermoon to their task. To follow the current musical events of the week was their original plan, to take an opera that was being played at the Acadomy and explain it, dissect it, show its musical motives and the relation between them and the characters—in fact, to give an informal rehearsal of the whole thing which would make it much more enjoyable and comprehensible to their gudience. This plan has been enlarged upon to some extent, and has been pronounced most successful in every way.

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The other venture—the "study of beauty," is the idea of Albert Guvery Marshell, a pupil of William H. Chase. This study, as explained by Mr. Marshall, aims not only at developing the perception and understanding of the beautiful in nature and art, but at realizing beauty in one's own personality, physical, moral and spiritual, including the foundation principles of physical and mental culture, and enabling each individual to deepen his or her own and add something to the world's happiness. Pupils also learn how to exercise good judgment regarding pictures and buildings, good taste in furnishing and dress, good form in action and good feeling in body and mit d.

WOMEN IN OTHER LANDS.

but neat garb resembling that of the Sisters of fully helping it along that Mrs. Sias laid the Mercy. A great many of them polish boots and shoes with gloved hands, and all do a thriving peculiar state of affairs that existed at the time.

the Transvaal forces, is said to be the only woman now living who can truthfully be colled a woman general. She has accompanied her husband on all mong the Boers that to her was due the defeat of and the other commandants considered the English and the other commandants considered the En-position to be unassailable, but Mrs. Jou thought otherwise, and at her advice her husba army went forward to victory. On all the o-pairs the woman general goes giving advice, sulting with her husband, looking after his sonal comfort and going about among the ti-sands of armed men like one of themselves.

In the Canton Ticino, in the Swiss Mountains, is by women at present. Nearly all the men had emigrated here and there in search of work, so that the municipality was without voters and that the municipality was without voters and could not make laws and elect officers. The Parish Council then decided that the women would have to be emancipated temporarily, and now each member of the Parish Council who is absent is represented by some woman member of his own household. So the affairs of the commune of Melano are administered by women, aided by a few old and sick men, who, it is said, form the opposition.

NOTES ABOUT FOREIGN PERSONAGES.

Queen Victoria is said to take a keen interest in Mentone Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Her Majesty recently sent £10 as a conrailway station yard. An amateur theatrical performance held at Mentone, under the patronage of the Duchess of Rutland, the Countess of Mar, Lady Mary Saurin and Lady Adelaide Larking, aided the same charity. The entertainment was two short plays and a living chess tableau and ballet. tribution toward a shelter for the cab horses of the

It is said that Lady Randolph Churchill is constant y beset with questions concerning the magazine de luxe which rumor has declared she is to bring out. The publication is to be magnificently illustrated. The name of the periodical is to be "The Royal Magazine."

At Frederickshof the Dowager Empress of Germany has a splendid conservatory and kitchen garden, where exquisite flowers and mammoth vegetables are grown. The Empress, being a good business woman, parts with her treasures for use on the Emperor's table at prices that add much to her exchequer. The roses grown in the royal conservatories are renowned for their beauty.

to hold the title of M. D. is Queen Amalie of Portugal. But she is not alone a student of the art of healing; her talents take a flight in a wholly op-posite direction, and she has shown herself to be an artist in the manufacture of hats and bonnets, the designs of which are her own.

Within the last month there died in Glasgow Mrs. Margaret McCullum, who was the great-granddaughter of Colin Campbell, whose tragic death is one of the thrilling incidents described in Steven-son's "Kidnapped."

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Last week there appeared in The Tribune's columns an article referring to the Home Hotel which is under contemplation for working women confusing the project with that of the Woman's Hotel, which is planned on a widely different prin-ciple. The Woman's Hotel is to provide for the

"WHITE-LISTED" HOUSES.

The Consumers' League of New-York has just saved a new "white list" of New-York stores which come nearest to their principles. This list is printed on celluloid, with a blank side for memorandum, and will fit into any ordinary pocket-

of the guilty firms may be held up to reprobation.
"But there is nothing to hinder one from com-

AND THE EAR TO HEAR.

A cowslip by the river's brim A yellow cowslip is to him, And it is nothing more.

hope to be nominated or elected without her as-sent. In fact, it is said that many men now promi-

According to the opinion of some New-York club women the recent prize competition in an English magazine to decide who were the best twelve women of the century was interesting, but only from an English point of view. The selections, in the order of merit, were: Her Majesty the Queen, Florence Nightingale, Elizabeth Fry, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, the Princess of Wales, the Duchess of Teck, Sister Dora, Agnes Westen, Grace Darling, the Princess Alice, Lady Henry Somerset and Frances Ridley Havergal.

The women shoeblacks of Paris wear a peculiar

Mrs. Joubert, wife of the commander-in-chief of

TWO DISTINCT ENTERPRISES.

well-to-do business woman's needs on parallel lines with those of any other hotel or bachelor

lines with those of any other hotel or bachelor apartment-house. The demand for such provision is based on the fact that there is no building in New-York City for women who are able to occupy roomy apartments with ordinary comforts and luxuries for which they are prepared to pay a reasonable return.

It is well to keep these two enterprises separated, while the former hotel is as necessary and inevitable as the Woman's Hotel, it should be understood that the latter will conform in every way to the laws which obtain in the erection of first-class modern fireproof structures, both within and without, and also as to proprietor and guests, and will in no sense come under the head of lodgings for working women. Truly yours, M. C. H.



IVORY SOAP PASTE.

In fifteen minutes, with only a cake of Ivory Soap and water, you can make a better cleansing paste than you can buy.

Ivory Soap Paste will take spots from clothing; and will clean carnets, rugs, kid gloves, slippers, patent, enamel, russet leather and canvas shoes, leather belts, painted wood-work and furniture. The special value of Ivory Soap in this form arises from the fact that it can be used with a damp sponge or cloth to cleanse many articles that cannot be washed because they will not stand the free applica-

DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING.—To one pint of bolling water add one and one-half ounces (one-quarter of the small size cakes of Ivory Soap cut into shavings, boll five minutes after the soap is thoroughly dissolved. Remove from the fire and cool in convenient dishes (not tin). It will keep well in an air-tight glass jar.

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"QUEEN ELIZABETH" ILL.

CAREER OF A REMARKABLE WOMAN IN WILLIAMSBRIDGE.

MRS. ELIZABETH HEILMAN SIAS, WHO HELPED TO BUILD UP THE VILLAGES IN THE ANNEXED DISTRICT AND

> WAS A POWER IN BUSINESS AND IN POLITICS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Heilman Sias, who is dangerously ill at her home, in Williamsbridge, is a well-known promoter of progress in the Annexed District. Mrs. Sias, owing to her prominence in public affairs and success in politics, is known throughout the Bor-ough of The Bronx and Westchester County as "Queen Elizabeth." She helped to build up the villages of Williamsbridge, Wakefield and West Chester before they were annexed to the city, beginning with scarcely any capital and in ten years accumulating a fortune estimated to be nearly \$300,000. In her political career she was known as a successful lobbyist at Albany and before the Mayor and Aldermen of New-York, and in her own village her friends used to say that no man could

nent in politics owe their success in the beginning

to this woman, once the wife of a country tavern-

Mrs. Sias was before her marriages Miss Elizabeth Knewitz. She was born near Berlin Ger-many, fifty years ago. When she was two years old her parents, who were peasants, inigrated to this city and settled in Thirty-eighth-st, then in the suburbs of the city. Mrs. Slas was married to Frederick Heiman, who went to Williamsbridge about twenty-five years ago, and, after conducting meat market for a short time, opened the Jerome Hotel, a roadhouse in White Plains-ave, near the site of her present home. He died in 1820, and left her a small amount of property, valued at only a few hundred do lars. The widow, with her young daughter, who has since died, then ran the hotel until her affairs grew to be so extensive that tavern-keeping was no longer worthy of her attention. Just at this time property in the An-nexed District, which had been selling poorly for many years, began to bring a better price, a was by taking advantage of this boom and skil-In 1856 a number of real-estate speculators, led by Daniel Owen, had cut most of the town up in one-quarter-acre lots, and by working up a boo had sold them to New-York business men.

gotten that they owned iots in Williamspridge or the Annexed District, and confronted them with the lenses. 'I will either sell you my lease,' said she, 'or I will buy your property.' The lot-owners, anxious to part with the property under these con-ditions, let it go much cheaper than ever, and some of them are said to have sold as low as \$60 and \$100, and at the time thought that they had made a cond-bargain.

sion, and at the time thought that they had made a good bargain.

All of the quarter-acre lots which Mrs. Sias acquired she cut up into town lots. Each of the quarter-acre lots made four twenty-five-foot town lots, which Mrs. Sias soid for as much as \$1,500 each. In this way she soon acquired a working capital and became a recognized exploiter of lands in the Annexed District. Her offlice was always in her home. She employed women as agents on commission in many parts of Westchester County and New-York, and the business proved so fascinating to them that some of them are engaged in it yet. Among these is Mrs. Mary Tice Gedney, of Mount Vernon.

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Mrs. Slas kept a small law library in her parior, and was a subscriber to "The Law Journal." Every morning she scanned the columns of the daily papers for points that would assist her in her business. She was a familiar figure about the County Court House in White Plains, and it is said that she could search a title or draft a mortgage or deed as well as any lawyer. To the real estate business Mrs. Slas roon added a building and loan department, which she conducted herself, lending morney to persons who bought lots from her and taking mortgages on the property. By this mortgage system she created a demand for property in Williamsbridge which did not really exist except under the favorable terms offered to homeseekers by her. As nearly every one was her debtor. Mrs. Slas soon became a powerful political factor. If a man wanted to be village president, it is said that she brought out one man who afterward became a Democratic Sheriff of Westchester County. This gave her prestige in the county, and she took a hand in county politics.

At one time, when Dr. Duncomb was president for the village, a portion of Mrs. Slas's property escaped the notice of the assessors, while it was said that the portion which was assessed was about 40 per cent lower than the adjoining property. Several taxpayers who were aggrieved, among them. M. P. Murphy, through David Hunt, their attorney, brought an action to set aside the tax levy. As soon as the suit was brought. Mrs. Slas quietly silpped out of town. The next heard of her was from Albany, where she had a bill introduced and advanced to its third reading to legalize the Williamsbridge tax levy. The taxpayers fought it before the committees of the Legislature, and employed counsel. Even indignation meetings were

held, but Mrs. Sias presented to the committee e petition signed by all of her tenants, representing them to be the poorer property-owners. The bill was passed and signed by the Governor. THE CITY RENTS FROM HER. When annexation came, some people, jealous of

power was about to end. They said that she could rule in a country place, but that she couldn't rule

the influence of "Queen Elizabeth." felt that her

power was about to end. They said that she could rule in a country place, but that she couldn't rule in a city like New-York. But to-day the fire engine company in Williamsbridge occupies a building erected by her and the city pays her rent for it. The Board of Education has purchased from her the site of a new school building, and the policemen and firemen seem to buy her lots in preference to others.

Mrs. Slas was postmistress of Williamsbridge when annexation took place. Her enemies made the point that she ought to resign, because "It wouldn't look dignified to be going into a great city with a woman for postmaster." Mrs. Slas said, "All right, gentlemen, I will resign." In a few days her brother, John Knewitz, was appointed in her place and still holds the office.

Again, after annexation, a bridge was to be placed over the New-Haven Railroad tracks. Some of the citizens wanted it at Twelfth-st. Mrs. Slas objected. She said she wanted it at Eighth-st. The citizens said they were determined to have it at Twelfth-st. "All right," said Mrs. Slas. "we shall see who will win." Forthwith she hurried down to City Hall Park with a bundle of maps and documents, and, spreading them before the Mayor pleaded her case with such orce that her contention prevailed. She is friendly to any charity or public enterprise, and always gives money, but before doing so she investigates, for if there is anything she dislikes it is to be swindled.

Her later marrange was in 1865 to Arthur W. Slas, of California, then manager of the sanatorium in West Chester.

WILL OF MRS. BLOOMFIELD MOORE.

BULK OF HER FORTUNE LEFT TO THE CHILDREN OF HER DAUGHTER ELLA.

London, April 2.—The will of Mrs. Bloomfield Moore, of Philadelphia, who died here on January iast, has been probated. It is dated October 24. 1888, and appoints her grandson, a son of Baron von Rosen. William Hitchins, a lawyer, and James Coleman Drayton, to be her executors. Her permonal estate is valued at (10.00). She leaves to her prother. Edward Jessey. 1600 a year and after a couple of minor bequests to her servants she leaves the rest to the children of her daughier File, who married Baron Carl Gustave von Rosen, Chamberlair and Master of the Ceremonies at the Court of Stockholm, Sweden.

WOULD HAVE ROBERTS EXPELLED.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Iliff, of Salt Lake City. yesterday addressed the Methodist preachers' meeting at No. 150 Fifth-ave, on "The Present Situation in Utah." Dr. Hiff is the superintendent of the Methodist Mission in Utah, and has been in charge of the Methodist work there for twentyfive years. He is making his present trip, however, as the chairman of the committee represent-

one-quarter-acre lots, and by working up a boom had sold them to New-York business men. The boom collapsed, and after a few years many of the owners forgot about their investments, and many of the lots were sold and resold for taxes. There was at that time a peculiar law in operation in Westchester County, whereby all purchasers of land became only lessees from the county for a period of one thousand years.

HERE WAS HER CHANCE.

As soon as properly began to bring better prices, in 1890, Mrs. Slas saw her chance. By going to the Supervisor and paying 12 per cent of the tax on forfeited property she would get the assignment from the town of the town's lease. Lawyers were next employed to search titles. Then Mrs. Slas went to the owners, many of whom had forgotten that they owned lots in Williamspridge or

INTERNAL REVENUE DECISIONS.

Two decisions of the Internal Revenue Department, just announced, are of interest to business men of the city. One is a decision to continue to the value of the property conveyed, regardless of the amount of a mortgage which may be taken the property. Charles H. Treat, the Collector n the property. Charles H. Treat, the Collector f internal. Revenue for the Second District, rought the attention of the Internal Revenue Deartment to a decision by Judge Taft. In Ohle, to the effect that the equity in property conveyed touid be the amount taxed in the conveyance at the Department has decided to ignore the desion of Judge Taft. Jefferson M. Levy is talking thinging a suit to test the right of the Department to tax a conveyance in excess of the amount feature.

ment to tax a conveyance of excess of the amount of equity.

The second decision of the Department is in regard to the tax on sight drafts. The question was raised by Mr. Treat as to whether such drafts should be taxed at the rate of two cents a draft or two cents for each \$100 in the draft. The Department has decided to require only a two-cent revenue stamp on each draft, regardless of the amount of the draft.

B. B. SLOAN ELECTED TO THE EXCHANGE. Benson B. Sloan, a son of Samuel Sloan, former president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Westpresument of the Delaware, Lackawanna and West-ern Railroad Company, has been elected to mem-bership on the Stock Exchange. He was formerly chief accountant of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company. He is a partner in the firm of Post & Flags.

LAWYERS' TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY. At the annual meeting of the Lawyers' Title Insurance Company of New-York, held at its offices. Nos. 37 and 39 Liberty-st., yesterday, the fol-lowing officers and directors were elected for the lowing officers and directors were elected for the coming year: President and general manager, Edwin W. Coggeshall; vice-president, David B. Ogden; second vice-president, John T. Lockman; secretary, William P. Dixon; treasurer, John Duer; directora, Edwin W. Coggeshall, William Allen Butler, William P. Dixon, John Duer, Henry E. Howland, J. Frederic Kernochan, John T. Lockman, Franklin B. Lord, J. Lawrence Marcellus, David B. Ogden, Herbert B. Turner James M. Varnum and John Webber.

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